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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN GROUP TO HEAR PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST
PARTY REPRESENTATIVE

REF: USUN 5348

1. ON OCTOBER 27 USUN MISSION OFFICER SOUGHT FURTHER
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN
GROUP HEAR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE
PARTY (REFTEL).

2. ARGENTINE MISSION OFFICER JAUREGUIBERRI, WHO ATTENDED
THE FRIDAY MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP SAID THAT THE
GROUP HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET INFORMALLY TO HEAR A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (SIC).

3. VENEZUELAN MISSION OFFICER ARTEGA ACOSTA CONFIRMED THAT
IT WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY
(PSP) AND NOT THE PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP) WHO
WOULD ADDRESS THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP.

4. NO DECISION CONCERNING THE DATE OF THE MEETING HAS
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YET BEEN MADE. JAUREGUIBERRI PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED.

5. THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP) IS A MARXIST-LENINIST PARTY COMMITTED TO THE OVERTHROW OF "COLONIAL RULE" AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALISM IN PUERTO RICO. THE PSP WAS FORMED IN 1971 WHEN JUAN MARI BRAS LED A SPLIT IN THE PUERTO RICAN PRO-INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (MPI). THE PSP HAS CLOSE TIES TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

6. RECOMMENDATION. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MAKE OUR OPPOSITION TO ANY CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO BY ANY ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS INCLUDING THE LA GROUP KNOWN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE IN OUR VIEW TO ALLOW THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP TO AGREE TO HEAR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PSP (PROBABLY MARI BRAS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PARTY), WITHOUT SOME REACTION ON OUR PART. MOYNIHAN

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